(b) whether Government propose to increase allocation of funds for expediting the projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The Railway Projects in South Central Railway which are included in the budget and on which physical work has not yet started are:

1. Kakinada-Kotipalli Restoration New Line.
2. Kakinada-Pithapuram New Line
3. Dharmavaram-Pakala Gauge Conversion.

Allocation for these projects are proposed to be increased as per details given below:—

S. No.	Projects	Allocation for 1999-2000	Allocation proposed for 2000-2001
1.	Kakinada-Kotipalli New Line	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 1,00,00,000
2.	Kakinada-Pithapuram New Line	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,00,000
3.	Dharmavaram-Pakala Gauge Conversion	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 10,00,000

However, the work on these projects can be started only after obtaining the requisite clearances, for which action has already been initiated.

Construction of Lumding-Silchar BG Line

1012. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the latest position of laying B.G. Rail Line between Lumding and Silchar; and

(b) by when it is targeted to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Earthwork and bridges are in progress between Badarpur and Silchar (30 km) where no change in alignment is necessary. On Lumding-Badarpur section (approx. 170 km), final location survey including survey for diversion in the ghat section to suit the requirement of BG and preparation of land acquisition plan and papers has been taken up. RITES have already completed the paper alignment and staking of the alignment on ground for about 100 km length. The work on 25 km length from Lumding to Hathikali has also been commenced.

(b) No firm target date has yet been fixed.

Exploitation of Surplus Railway Land

1013. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have come to an agreement with HUDCO to jointly develop Plans for commercial exploitation of surplus railway land;

(b) if so, the details of such joint plans;

(c) whether HUDCO has assured some fixed annual sum to the Railways to give it full access and sole rights to utilise 100 Railway stations in the country; and

(d) which are the Railway stations selected in Andhra Pradesh for commercial exploitation by jointly HUDCO and the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways and HUDCO have signed and MoU for taking up development over Railway land air-space, jointly. HUDCO will act as the co-promoter for certain identified projects. The contribution from the Railways, will be in the form of its land property and air space above it. Detailed financial and feasibility cum-demand assessment studies shall precede the development at each of the identified Schemes.

(c) No, Sir.